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1. EMBOFFS LEARNED OF TEN MAJOR EXPORT PROJECTS FROM ENGINEER TOUFIQI, PRESIDENT OF INDUSTRIES, GOA MINISTRY OF MINES AND INDUSTRIES (REFTEL). AMONG THESE IS CONSTRUCTION OF TWO SUGAR FACTORIES IN AFGHANISTAN.

2. GOA SEEKING FIRM CAPABLE OF UNDERTAKING FEASIBILITY STUDIES FOR TWO SUGAR FACTORIES, ONE IN GHAZNI AND ANOTHER AT AN UNNAMED LOCATION IN THE HELMAND VALLEY. STUDIES WOULD INCLUDE AGRICULTURAL SURVEY TO DETERMINE POTENTIAL FOR SUGAR BEET PRODUCTION AND RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO PLANT DESIGN AND CAPACITY. PENDING POSITIVE CONCLUSION GOA HOPES SAME FIRM COULD CONSTRUCT PLANTS ON TURNKEY BASIS, BUT POSSIBILITY EXISTS FOR SEPARATE COSULTANCY AND CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS.

3. SOURCE OF FINANCING UNKNOWN BUT PRESUMED TO BE IRAN, IRAQ OR SAUDI ARABIA, ALL OF WHICH HAVE RECENTLY PLEDGED LARGE SUMS OF AID.

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